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1. [redacted] After checking with Mr. Cary and [redacted] spoke with Terry Modglin, staff member on the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, regarding Modglin's request on behalf of Representative Ralph H. Metcalfe (D., Ill.), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Panama Canal, for a general background briefing on Panama. I said there would be no problem presenting such a briefing and explained the general ground rules, all of which were agreeable. We tentatively agreed on July 21st for the briefing and Modglin will call me this week with the exact date, time, and place. [redacted] was advised.

2. [redacted] Received a call from David Nierenberg, on the staff of Representative Andrew Maguire (D., N.J.), who requested a copy of the Director's report to the President of 24 December 1974, which was released yesterday. A copy was forwarded to him.

3. [redacted] Spoke with William Hastings, on the staff of Representative William S. Cohen (R., Maine), who requested [redacted] for SubSahara. Africa and MidEast/North Africa. I called [redacted] and made the necessary arrangements.

4. [redacted] Rod Smith, on the staff of Representative Michael Harrington (D., Mass.), called to request a copy of the so-called [redacted] With Mr. Cary's approval, I advised Smith that we would mail him a copy.

5. [redacted] Winston Woodland, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, called to request a copy of the so-called [redacted] and was told a copy would be mailed to him.

6. [redacted] Bruce Lehman, House Judiciary Committee staff, called to request a copy of the so-called [redacted] and was told a copy would be mailed to him.

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7. [REDACTED] Discussed with Mr. Michael Cavanaugh, Staff Assistant, House Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee on Postal Facilities, Mail, and Labor Management, arrangements for the Director's appearance on 10 July. It is to be an executive session and a time was set for 0945. The Director will make a statement following Chairman Charles Wilson's (D., Calif.) statement, then go into a question and answer period.

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9. [REDACTED] Called Jim Wentzel, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice. Discussed H. R. 8227 and S. 2008, the so-called Tunney-Edwards criminal justice information bill. He thanked me for sending him excerpts from the transcript of the Director's 25 June 1975 appearance before Representative Bella S. Abzug (D., N.Y.), Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights, House Government Operations Committee. He said that although Congresswoman Abzug had cancelled the Department's scheduled testimony before her Subcommittee, the material would, no doubt, be of use in the future. As Jim tells it, the Chairwoman felt that Kevin Moroney, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, was all she was going to get, whereupon she cancelled the hearings. We then discussed criminal information bills in some detail. The Department is going to strongly oppose the Tunney-Edwards bill, while at the same time pushing its own criminal justice information bills H. R. 61, S. 1428. The Department is scheduled to testify on this legislation later this month. Apparently, John Hotis, FBI Legislative Liaison, is working on Representative Don Edwards (D., Calif.), Chairman, House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights. Jim concluded by saying that he hoped we could keep in touch and work together on this legislation and on other legislation of common concern.

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